

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ruben et al.

Application Number: to be assigned

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Title: 27 Human Secreted Proteins

Atty. Docket No. PZ038P1C1

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

***Amendments***

**In the Specification**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/661,453 filed September 13, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending PCT International Application Serial No: PCT/US00/06783, filed March 16, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/125,055, filed March 18, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1.

Please add the following claim:

-- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11. --

### **REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

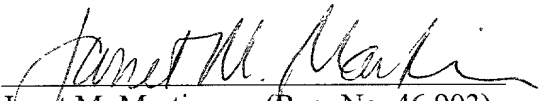
No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However,

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Respectfully submitted

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**In the Specification**

On page 1, the first paragraph has been changed as follows:

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**In the Claims:**

Claim 17 has been amended as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of [the polypeptide of claim 11 or] the polynucleotide of claim 1.